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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All but one of the documents are in English. An English version of EP1039227 is not available. However, the Examiner for the corresponding PCT application where this European application was cited considers that this document is a "document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance."

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